

Food, music in the park



IN THE GAZEBO at Centennial Park downtown, the band Clueless featuring Lonnie McEvoy, Sid Metcalf and Mike Elwood, played and sang during an Oberlin-Decatur County

Area Chamber of Commerce fund raiser Sunday night. Chamber board members served brownies and ice cream for a donation.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Schedule set for Mini Sapa Celebration

The schedule is set for this year’s Mini Sapa Celebration, which marks the 50th anniversary of Oberlin’s Last Indian Raid Museum, on Saturday, Oct. 4.

The day will kick off at 7 a.m. with a pancake feed at the Bohemian Hall, said Curator Sharleen Wurm. After that, activities are planned at the museum until 4 p.m., when the Seeds of Creation gift shop closes.

The day includes a performance

by the DCHS Singers, a bake sale, the museum being open all day, a parade starting at The Gateway and proceeding down Main Street to the museum, the Koshare Indian dancers from La Junta, Colo., a concert by the Decatur County Community Band, a presentation from the city, recognition of the past curators of the museum, a vintage hat show and raffle drawings.

Mrs. Wurm said there will be a

melodrama in the afternoon. The cast includes Jan Bainter as Bertha Backbite, Melanie Anderson as Belinda Backbite, Arian Arnold as Mary Belle, Leigh Davis as Little Girl, Rob McFee as Les Law and Jim Buccholz as Harry Heartburn.

The museum board and staff will serve lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a donation. On the menu will be buffalo burgers and foot-long hot dogs.

Several exhibits will be set up for the day, including crocheted rag rugs, rug hooking, knitting, Watkins Products (which have been around since 1868), Indian bead work, live buffalo, a covered wagon, homemade jelly, jam and other items.

Mrs. Wurm said a simulated hunting unit from the state Department of Wildlife and Parks will be in town and people will have the opportunity to try their hand.

Museum to give away three big prizes

With the 50th anniversary of the Last Indian Raid Museum approaching, the museum staff and board are ready to give away three big prizes to raffle winners.

Curator Sharleen Wurm said people can buy tickets for a rifle, a rag rug and a quilt.

The gun is a Henry .22 caliber, numbered 1 out of 100, from Historical Armory of Colorado. It carries engravings of the LandMark Inn, a farm scene and the Decatur County courthouse, with the Last Indian Raid engraved in the middle.

Mrs. Wurm said anyone can buy one of the other 99 rifles from the company, choosing which numbered gun they want. The guns cost \$500, with \$25 of each sale going to the museum.

Tickets for the rifle are \$5 for one

or \$6 for 25.

The museum also will be selling tickets for the rug, made by Betsy Jakowski of Norcoratur. The wool yarns are either new, recycled or over-dyed, she says, and about “35 hours of labor and love” went into making it.

The Schnauzer pattern on the rug is a replica of an antique rug in the lobby at the museum. Tickets are \$1 for one or \$5 for six.

The quilt, said Mrs. Wurm, was put together by Cheryl Votapka and then quilted by the museum quilters. It is hanging in the museum now.

The tickets are on sale at the museum or can be purchased during the Mini Sapa Celebration.

Mrs. Wurm said the kick-off event for the anniversary is Sunday Sept. 28, when the Oberlin Arts

and Humanities Commission will sponsor a tour of the sites of the Last Indian Raid and a talk by Richard Little Bear, president of Dull Knife College.

The tour starts from the museum at 2 p.m., with the talk scheduled at 4 p.m. at the museum.

Refreshments will be served at the museum.

The event can be attended by Arts and Humanities season ticket

holders or for \$10 for adults and \$5 for students in grades 1 through 12. Family tickets are \$25. Anyone wanting to buy tickets just for the speech will pay half price.

At 5 p.m. everyone is invited to the J.R. Ginther Farm near Achilles for a buffalo barbecue including buffalo burgers, buffalo brats, beans, potato salad, tea and lemonade for \$6.50 per person.

Food delivery moved

Those taking part in the Prairie-Land Food Distribution need to plan to pick up the goodies starting this month at a new location, at the county ambulance barn instead of the Golden Age Center.

With demolition on the building possibly starting soon, said county Health Administrator Marilyn Gamblin, the distribution will be

moved back to the ambulance barn, south of the Decatur County Hospital, between 8 and 8:30 a.m.

People can buy the food, which includes meat, fruits and vegetables, for a fee and two hours of volunteer work each month. Ms. Gamblin said the distribution is normally the last Saturday of the month. Anyone with questions can call her at 475-8118.



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Tie breaker used to choose winner

The tie-breaker score was used to determine the first-place winner in the inaugural week of this year’s Pigskin Pick-em contest after two people guessed eight out of 10 football-game winners correctly.

Mary Kinser not only picked eight winners, but she was only 28 points off on the tie-breaking game. Cheri Kastens also picked eight winners but was 33 points off on the tie-breaker between Kansas State and Montana.

Ms. Kinser gets \$15 and Ms. Kastens \$10 in scrip, spendable at any participating business.

Three people picked seven out of 10 winners for a third-place tie.

Rodney Solko was 41 points off on the tie-breaker. Todd Ketterl 37 and Gary Anderson 24, so Mr. Anderson won the \$5 third prize.

Picking six of 10 were Ivis Hanson, Owen Wilson, Josh Lahnanen, Kimberly Solko and Kari Ketterl.

Picking five of 10 were Connie Grafel, Travis Raile, Gail Lee Morgan, Valisha Raile and Mabel Zimmerman.

Zach May picked four of the

winners.

Contest rules are on Page 5B of today’s paper with an entry form. Forms also are available at the sponsoring businesses: Farm Bureau Financial Services, Wagner Chevrolet, Buick, Pontiac and Cadillac of McCook, Farm Credit of Western Kansas, Ward Drug Store, Raye’s Grocery, the LandMark Inn, Home Planning Center, Fredrickson Insurance Agency and *The Oberlin Herald*.

Only official entry blanks will be accepted, no copies.

This week’s games included:

- The University of Kansas over Louisiana Tech, 29-0.
- Nebraska over San Jose State, 35-12.
- St. Francis over Colby, 20-0.
- Osborne over Oberlin, 34-14.
- Ellis over Atwood, 12-6.
- Quinter over Golden Plains, 56-26.
- Trego over Hoxie, 26-22.
- McCook over Alliance, 51-6.

And the tie breaker, Kansas State over Montana, 69-10.

Graduate gets \$250

A freshman at the University of Nebraska, Kearney will receive a \$250 scholarship after being nominated as Student of the Week last year at Decatur Community High School.

Kenzie Fisher, who graduated in May, just started her college career. She is majoring in vocal performing music. After graduation, said Miss Fisher, she wants to perform on stage.

Each year, *The Oberlin Herald* teams up with the high school staff

and local merchants to celebrate Students of the Week. Each student is featured with a picture and information about themselves, which they provide.

Any senior nominated for Student of the Week is then in the running for a scholarship. In some years, as many as three scholarships have been given, but the program got a late start last year.

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